

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An [[The]] electrical smoking system according to claim 2, wherein comprising:

a lighter comprising at least one electrical heater element and a system for electrically actuating said at least one heater element, said lighter adapted to at least partially receive a cigarette with said at least one heater element at least partially superposing a portion of the cigarette,

at least a portion of said at least one heater element being magnetic, and said lighter further including an electromagnet arranged in proximity to said magnetic portion of said at least one heater element, said electromagnet being actuable to selectively repulse or attract said heater element,

said magnetic portion of said at least one heater element comprises a permanent magnet attached near a distal end of said at least one heater element, like poles of said permanent magnet and said electromagnet are positioned facing each other such that actuation of said electromagnet generates a repulsive force between said electromagnet and said at least one heater element.

4. (Original) The electrical smoking system according to claim 3, wherein:

repulsion of said at least one heater element by actuation of said electromagnet moves said at least one heater element into close contact with a cigarette positioned in said lighter.

5. (Original) The electrical smoking system according to claim 4, wherein:

said electromagnet is actuated in response to a signal generated by positioning of a cigarette within said lighter.

6. (Original) The electrical smoking system according to claim 4, wherein:

said electromagnet is actuated in response to a signal generated by a smoker puffing on a cigarette positioned within said lighter.

7. (Currently Amended) An [[The]] electrical smoking system according to claim 1, wherein comprising:

a lighter comprising at least one electrical heater element and a system for electrically actuating said at least one heater element, said lighter adapted to at least partially receive a cigarette with said at least one heater element at least partially superposing a portion of the cigarette,

at least a portion of said at least one heater element being magnetic, and said lighter further including an electromagnet arranged in proximity to said magnetic portion of said at least one heater element, said electromagnet being actuable to selectively repulse or attract said heater element,

said lighter comprises a plurality of said at least one electrical heater element adapted to superpose a portion of the cigarette in circumferentially spaced relation, and wherein

said at least a portion of each of said electrical heater elements comprises a permanent magnet attached near a distal end of each of said electrical heater elements.

8. (Original) The electrical smoking system according to claim 7, wherein:

like poles of said permanent magnets and said electromagnet are positioned facing each other such that actuation of said electromagnet generates a repulsive force between said electromagnet and said heater elements.

9. (Original) The electrical smoking system according to claim 8,
wherein:

repulsion of said heater elements by actuation of said electromagnet
moves said heater elements into close contact with a cigarette positioned in said
lighter.

10. (Original) The electrical smoking system according to claim 9,
wherein:

said electromagnet is actuated in response to a signal generated by
positioning of a cigarette within said lighter.

11. (Original) The electrical smoking system according to claim 9,
wherein:

said electromagnet is actuated in response to a signal generated by a puff
detector.

12. - 20. (Cancelled)